

Movement of Nepalese in Assam and Meghalaya

621. SHRI NANDU THAPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are restrictions on Nepalese citizens to go to Assam and Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the latest instructions to the State Governments from the Home Ministry in this regard;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Indian Nepalese are also harassed by way of checking at check posts and their movement is curtailed both in the State of Assam and Meghalaya; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All foreign nationals, including Nepalese nationals, require permission to enter and stay in areas declared as Restricted or protected under the Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order, 1958 and the Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order 1963. Both Assam and Meghalaya are restricted areas.

(c) No such reports/complaints have been received.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in U.P.

622. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications on the waiting list for telephone connections as on 31 March, 1990 in Uttar Pradesh under various categories;

(b) the steps taken to reduce the waiting list; and

(c) the number of applicants to whom telephone connections are likely to be released during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Categorywise waiting list of applicants in U.P. as on 31st March 1990 is as follows:

OYT	4417
Non OYT	4916
General	67729
	77062

(b) Expansion programmes have been proposed so that by the end of the 8th Plan it will be possible to provide telephones practically on demand, in telephone exchanges of less than 5000 lines capacity and to contain waiting period, on an average, to one year in telephone exchanges of more than 5000 lines capacity. This is subject to approval of plans and timely availability of equipments and is based on present demand projections.

(c) 35500 applicants are likely to be provided telephone connections during 1990-91.

Inquiry Into Phone-Tapping Incidents of Members of Parliament

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